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DEVICE FOR MONITORING QUIESCENT CURRENT OF AN

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, Applicants provide the following comments. The Examiner has requested restriction of examination to one of two groups. Group I comprises claims 1-7 and 14-15 drawn to a device for measuring the supply current, classified in class 324, subclass 769. Group II comprises claims 8-13 and 16-17 drawn to a device for measuring the supply current, classified in class 702, subclass 119.

Applicants respectfully elect Group I, comprising claims 1-7 and 14-15 drawn to a device for measuring the supply current, with traverse. The Applicants do not necessarily wish to be bound by the Examiner's logic in posing the request for restriction of examination.

Further, the Examiner has also requested election of species to one of two groups identified on pages 3 of the Action. Applicant respectfully elects Species A1 comprising Figure 5b and CMU 6 of Figure 7a or 8a which are directed to claims 1-4, 6-7 and 14-15. Again,

Applicants do not necessarily wish to be bound by the Examiner's logic in requesting election of species.

Favorable consideration of all claims pending herein is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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